



# The British Malaysian Society

Newsletter – Autumn 2015

## BMS Eid Dinner



Some of the guests at the BMS Eid dinner

Our main event this quarter was the BMS Eid Dinner, again held at Satay House, London, on 28 July 2015. Over 30 BMS members and friends attended the event. Satay House is the first authentic Malaysian restaurant in London, which opened its door in 1973.

## Malaysia Airlines donates two business class return tickets London / Kuala Lumpur for BMS Annual Dinner

Malaysia Airlines has generously donated two business class return tickets London / Kuala Lumpur for The BMS Annual Dinner, which will be held on Wednesday 14 October at the Inner Temple, one of our corporate members.

The dinner will be attended by up to 70 BMS members and their guests. HE Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, the Malaysian High Commissioner in London, has been invited to attend as a guest of the Society

At the dinner BMS is planning to hold an auction and a raffle.

The proceeds of both will be divided between Mercy Malaysia and Voice of the Children, two Malaysian charities.

The following three items will be auctioned:

Two business class return tickets London /Kuala Lumpur - donated by Malaysia Airlines

A week's stay in a house in Gleneagles - donated by David and Margaret Lamb

Two tickets to the finals of the Queen's Aegon tennis tournament on 19 June 2016

### FORTHCOMING BMS EVENTS

#### Wednesday 14 October

The Society's Annual Dinner  
The Inner Temple, London  
7.00pm for 7.30pm

#### Wednesday 21 October

Ruth Iversen Rollitt, a BMS member, will give a talk about her book, Iversen: Architect of Ipoh and Modern Malaysian High Commission, London

#### Tuesday 24 November

Talk by Tony Collingridge OBE, UKTI Director in Malaysia  
Royal Over-Seas League, London  
6.00pm for 6.30pm

#### Tuesday 8 December

Chairman's Christmas drinks  
Travellers Club,  
Pall Mall, London  
6.00pm to 8.30pm

### Other Event

Malaysia-UK Forum, organised by ASLI in London, at the Royal Garden Hotel, on 12 November from 9.30am to 2.00pm

### MBS Event in Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia British Society charity Dinner in KL on 19 November in aid of Hospis Malaysia

Members will be advised of full details, and how to book/pay, by flyers sent out nearer the date.

OTHER EVENTS. Members will be notified of other events to which they will be invited, including those organised by our associate, OMEC, and Malaysian government agencies, including MIDA and MATRADE.

See our website for up-to-date details  
[www.thebritishmalaysiansociety.org](http://www.thebritishmalaysiansociety.org)

## New PNB London office launched by Malaysian PM



PM Datuk Seri Najib Razak with (left) PNB president and group CEO Tan Sri Hamad Kama Piah Che Othman, PNB chairman Tun Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid and (right) Malaysian High Commissioner to UK & Eire Datuk Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi.

Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Seri Najib Razak opened PNB House in the City of London on 22 September. The event was attended by PNB Chairman Tun Ahmad Sarji and hosted by Rahiyah Yahya, PNB's UK Principal Officer, and a member of the BMS Executive Committee. More than 150 guests attended the launch and they enjoyed a Malaysian lunch provided by Felda's Park City Grand Plaza

## Opportunity for a Malaysian to study at the Prince's School of Traditional Arts in London

The British Malaysian Society has funds to provide an academic scholarship for a two year MA programme at the Prince's School of Traditional Arts in London for a qualifying Malaysian student.

The scholarship is being given in memory of the late Tengku Ismail bin Tengku Su, whose collection of traditional and contemporary songket from Terengganu was a major feature of the BMS/PSTA exhibition in 2011, "Royal Weaves: Traditional Textile Arts of Malaysia".

It is hoped that the scholarship will benefit a Malaysian student who, after the two year course in the Visual Islamic and Traditional Arts at the PSTA, will return to share the knowledge and principles of traditional arts to aspiring artisans, craftsmen and designers in Malaysia.

The applicant must be a Malaysian national, proficient in the English language and with a first degree to qualify for this academic scholarship.

For more information, please contact:  
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## Tricia Yeoh Talk - "Healing the Malaysian Nation, part 2"



Some of the guests

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## Eid Open House At Rumah Malaysia



An estimated 2,000 Malaysians and friends attended the Eid Open House hosted by Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, the Malaysian High Commissioner in London and Datin Rosilawati Abd Jaffar on 18 July.

## Malaysia Airlines Berhad ushers in a new start

By Akil Yunus The Star  
September 1, 2015



PETALING JAYA: Malaysia Airlines ushered in the start of its new company, Malaysia Airlines Berhad (MAB), with a meet-and-greet session with passengers on Monday.

The new national carrier's chief executive officer Christoph Mueller and senior management held a special walkabout at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport to greet its passengers.

The team even handed out teddy bears to passengers while one lucky passenger on flight MH149 bound for Melbourne won a pair of Business Class tickets.

Mr Mueller said the new company was looking forward to enhancing its customer in-flight experiences and give them more reason to visit Malaysia. The new airline said it recorded an 89.8% on-time performance on its first operational day.

Last Friday, the carrier received its Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from the Department of Civil Aviation, which officially allowed it to take flight as MAB on Sept 1.

From The Star Malaysia  
<http://www.thestar.com.my>

### Join BMS

Whatever your connection to Malaysia there is likely to be something for you within the society, especially for those who have lived or worked in Malaysia. If you have an interesting item of news or something else to tell, please send a short write-up to:  
[newsletter@thebritishmalaysiansociety.org](mailto:newsletter@thebritishmalaysiansociety.org)

## Malaysia Night London 2015



(From left to right) Sir Edward Lister, Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi and Dato' Sri Hajah Rohani Abdul Karim

A true taste of Malaysia at Malaysia Night, held at Trafalgar Square for a sixth year, on Friday 18 September 2015. Around 60,000 people attended the food-packed night market drawn by the stalls, cookery demonstrations, celebrity chefs and traditional entertainment.

Many of the UK's best Malaysian eateries offered up authentic, mouth-watering chicken curry, laksa (spicy noodle soup), pulled beef rendang, mee rebus (egg noodles in a sweet curry sauce) and sirap bandung (a colourful rose-flavoured drink).

Guests included Sir Edward Lister Deputy Mayor of London, Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister of International Trade and Industry, Dato' Sri hajah Rohani Abdul Karim, Minister of Women, Family and Community Development and Dato' Ahmad Rasidi Hazizi, the Malaysian High Commissioner in London

Malaysia Night is promoted by Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE). Supported by Mayor of London  
<http://www.malaysiakitchen.co.uk/> / <http://www.matrade.gov.my/>

## Malaysia National Day parade wows crowd

By Wong Pek Mei and Melizarani T Selva The Star September 1, 2015



Multiracial children dressed in traditional clothes participating in the parade.

KUALA LUMPUR - Dataran Merdeka was filled with Malaysian flags, colourful costumes and people of all ages to celebrate National Day.

As early as 6.15am, people started walking in to get seats at the grandstands for a better view of the parade.

The parade, themed "Malaysia Sehati Sejiwa" (One Heart, One Soul), was made successful with 9,492 participants.

For the first time, the Armed Forces performed a series of mixed martial arts and silat.

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<http://www.thestar.com.my>

## Merdeka Carnival 2015 at TARRC

Malaysians and friends of Malaysia attended the annual Merdeka Carnival. The Tun Abdul Razak Research Centre hosted the event at their beautiful grounds from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, Saturday 5 September 2015. It was a fun filled day with families and friends. There were over 45 prizes at the Carnival Raffles Draw, including return London - Kuala Lumpur tickets, courtesy of Malaysia Airlines.

An estimated 3,000 people attended the carnival.

BMS members joined in the carnival.

## Dinner by Dato' Hamzah Zainuddin for Malaysian Diaspora in United Kingdom



Dato' Hamzah Zainuddin

Dato' Hamzah Zainuddin, Minister of Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism hosted a dinner for Malaysian Diaspora in United Kingdom at the Malaysian High Commission, London, on 17 September 2015.

In London he met with government officials and members of co-operatives

## Tricia Yeoh

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Tricia Yeoh, Chief Operating Officer of IDEAS, gave a talk "Healing the Malaysian Nation, part 2" at the Royal Over-Seas League, London, on Wednesday 30 September 2015.

In her talk Tricia amplified the current situation in Malaysia, strained with corruption, the IMDB scandal, economic slowdown and rallies by Bersih and Red Shirts.

A question and answer session followed when Tricia and the guests speculated on the outcome of the next general election to be held in Malaysia by 2018.

## Far East POWS Service at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London

A Far East POWs Service was held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of VJ Day on 15 August 2015.

HM the Queen and Prince Philip attended the service.

British PM David Cameron also attended the St Martin's Service.

Some BMS members attended the service which was organised by Revd Pauline Simpson of Far East POWS.

On the same day about 70 members of the Malayan Volunteers Group also held a service at the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire